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SENATE JUDICIARY

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Senator Jent, I apologize for the e-mail message rather than the 'in person' discussion but I meant to do this two days ago. I will be out of state on my 'real job' this week and will miss the hearing on SB 108.

The Montana National Guard Association (Officers) strongly supports this bill and had it as one of their initiatives for this session. Thanks to you and the DMA for taking this very important issue on. Many of our members meet with a very stressful situation when they get a notification of deployment if their parenting plan is not fully developed or if the plan does not provide for other family members to have visitation in the absence of the military member.

This is a good bill and will go a long way to relieve the stress that some of our divorced members encounter while they are preparing for and are actually in a combat zone. As you well know, as a former military member, our Soldiers and Airmen need to have their "heads in the game" in the war zone and not be distracted by child custody issues back home.

Please accept this as my testimony and have the MTNGA support entered on the record. Thank you. Roger Hagan, Lobbyist, Montana National Guard Association.

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